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leaders are  
beauty of our



Park residents and community  
concerned about preserving the  
environment. We want what we

enjoy today to be protected well into the future. Village Council provides responsible waste collection service and recycling to manage ecology and conservation in Lake Park. As a community we all share in conservation. It's as simple as considering the end use of each product we buy and enjoying the benefits wisely.

## **REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE!**

**REDUCE:** Purchasing right-size products reduces waste and spoilage and has even been known to reduce stress! When fewer items crowd the pantry, it's easier to make nutritious meal choices and to prevent over-eating. Fewer items in cabinets and closets make it quicker to find and care for the important things in life and for each other.

**REUSE:** Durable items often have more than one life; like sacks, gift boxes, outgrown clothing, and containers with secure lids. Correct composting is a rich and economical source of fertile garden soil and a way to manage lawn debris.

**Lake Park's free Spring and Fall Garage Sales** (see [www.lakeparknc.com](http://www.lakeparknc.com) for Homeowner Association news), or using nearby consignment sales and shops are profitable ways to sell gently-used bikes, toys, clothing, and household items.

**Door-to-door pickups** can be conveniently arranged with Goodwill, Salvation Army, AmVets, (the 'pink bag' pickups), Kidney Foundation, etc. and can give you donation receipts for tax purposes. Libraries often accept donated books. Vehicle dealers and furniture sellers may accept trade-ins or arrange pick-up of old items you are replacing. Grocery stores have bins for collecting used plastic bags.



**RECYCLE:** Action Garbage Service (AGS) will recycle items placed in their residential Recycle Bins. Action does not retrieve recyclable items from dumpsters, trash carts or bagged trash; so put all recyclables in the open Recycle Bins. Pre-washing is not required, but it is more sanitary and helps deter critters from an open bin.

△ **Newspapers**

△ **Glass (any color)**

△ **Metal food containers**

△ **Plastic jugs and bottles**

Check the △ on the underside of ALL PLASTICS. When the △ contains a number 1 or a number 2, Action will recycle it. These include detergent bottles, milk/juice jugs; food/toiletry jars and pop bottles. Plastics with higher numbers are not yet recyclable in Union County, so put those few plastics in the regular trash.

**GETTING STARTED:** If your new home or business is in Lake Park, your call to contact Action Garbage Service (704) 821-7578 will start your garbage collection. Business tenants may check with their landlord. When



you call, discuss removal of moving or packing boxes and be sure they are put out flat. **Lake Park pick up day for all trash and recyclables is Thursday.** Only Town Center commercial pickup is on Mondays and Thursdays to meet health department requirements for restaurants.

**PLACEMENT & TIMING:** Place your rolling cart at least 3 feet from all objects including, but not limited to, mail boxes, flower beds, recycling bin, and extra trash. This allows the Action crew to use automated equipment and complete the entire village on the same day every week. Residents must have all trash and recycling at the curb by 7:00am to guarantee pickup. Business and condominium customers must have all waste in the dumpster by 7:00am.

**EXTRA TRASH:** If you have extra trash that will not fit inside the cart or dumpster, place it in closed trash bags beside Action's standard rolling cart or dumpster on trash pick up day. Leave at least 3 feet clear on all sides of the rolling cart or dumpster. *Overloaded containers are a serious safety hazard to our sanitation crews.* Extra trash bags will be picked up. Bulk items and White Goods (appliances) will be picked up by appointment only. White goods pickup is included at no extra charge. AGS will pick up no more than 20 bags of yard debris per house per week. All yard debris must be either bagged or bundled. Bags and bundles should weigh no more than 40 lbs. Bundled branches can be no more than 4 inches in diameter, less than 36 inches long and under 40 lbs.



**SEPARATE PICKUPS:** Your recyclables and extra bags are picked up the same day as your ordinary trash. However, the recyclables, extra bags, yard debris and Christmas trees are picked up by separate trucks. Each truck may arrive at your address at different times throughout the pickup day. Residential customers are encouraged to leave ALL containers at the curb until they ALL are emptied at the end of the day. Recycle bins and bagged items can be overlooked if the rolling cart is put away too early. If a full container is missed, call AGS the following morning.

**WHEN YOUR STREET IS FINISHED:** Always bring emptied rolling carts and recycle bins inside<sup>1</sup> on Thursday evening. The purpose of consolidating the entire Village pickup in one day is to keep the streets and alleys clutter free the rest of the week. Neighbors often will respond to a request for temporary aid when a need arises, but in the case of handicapped residents, and only if no one in the household can handle the containers, Action can suggest an arrangement for a qualified residence.

**ROLLING RESIDENTIAL CARTS & COMMERCIAL DUMPSTERS:** Regular office or household waste such as office papers (shredded or not), light

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<sup>1</sup> Storage in your garage or in an HOA-approved shed or fence enclosure is acceptable on most properties. Occasional rinsing or deodorizing, as needed, will keep the carts and bins fresh and contaminant free.

cardboard (like cracker boxes), bubble wrap, plastics with  $\Delta$  numbers of 3 or higher), magazines, junk mail, food take-out containers, phone books, catalogs and most other ordinary household garbage items (that do not meet the recycle criteria) *and that are not "Waste Collection NO-NOs" (see below)* ~ may be put into the rolling cart, a closed trash bag or dumpster. **NOTE:** Please double-wrap Styrofoam pellets, shredded paper, disposable diapers, sharp items (like broken dishes or light bulbs) or small broken toys for safer handling ~ and put in the regular trash.

**WASTE COLLECTION NO-NO'S:** Certain items are never acceptable for disposal in rolling trash carts, recycle bins, trash bags, nor commercial dumpsters:

\* **No Liquids**, even if it is inside a closed bottle or can. Containers of cooking oil, food liquids, bleach or cleaners, paints, varnish, fuel, motor oil, acid, etc. burst in the crusher (the compactor truck), to spill on the truck and street. This damages the truck seals and the pavement.



**NOTE:** *Paint that has dried in the can may be put to the curb but it must be open to view and set **OUTSIDE on the ground**.* Up to an inch of latex paint can be dried in the can if left open in a dry undisturbed place, until it becomes a dry solid. Kitty litter poured into a partial can of oil-based paint, left open for 4 days (or more, depending on the quantity of paint) should become a dry solid prior to pickup. A granular hardener (like Waste Away<sup>®</sup>) (packets seen at

Lowe's) can harden a half-full gallon can of latex paint (to a solid gel) in minutes. Better yet: paint the inside of the shed, give the wall another coat, or give the paint away to someone who can use it.

**No Vehicle Tires\***

**No Batteries of any type\***

**No Furniture\***

**No Appliances** (Unless you call Action for an appointment)

**No Construction Debris\*** Private arrangements must be made to haul away excavated dirt, old carpeting, renovation or building materials of any kind.

**No Hazardous or Toxic Materials\*** No chemicals including pesticides, turpentine, biomedical items; no explosives like batteries, firecrackers, gunpowder or firearms.

**Violations:** Action reports violations to the village office. Notices are given to residents when their trash marks the street. Although Action may make an attempt to clean up a spill (if time permits) cleanup responsibility actually falls to the resident to finish the job.

**\*Alternative Disposal Sites:** Union County has satellite collection sites open to the public which accept items for free or at remarkably nominal charges. For maps and details check <http://ucpw.co.union.nc.us/collection.htm>. Sun Valley High School is the nearest satellite site.

Find details for landfill items at <http://ucpw.co.union.nc.us/landfill.htm#acceptable>. Or call (704) 296-4210, the Monroe Public Works office. The Union County Landfill, at 2125 Austin Chaney Road is a 20 minute drive east via Unionville Indian Trail Road.

**YARD DEBRIS:** Spring and fall clean up produces lots of plant material. Leaves and lawn clippings may be bagged and set outside the rolling cart. The weight limit is 40 lbs per bag. Up to 20 bags may be put to the curb on the same pickup day. Shrub clippings and tree branches must be no more than 4" in diameter, cut to 3' or less in length and tied in bundles (up to 40 lbs each) for efficient handling by the Action crew. Action will pick up a whole Christmas tree if all decorations are removed and the tree is placed outside the rolling cart or dumpster.



**CARDBOARD CARTONS:** Cartons placed in the rolling cart are best flattened and inserted vertically (standing on end). Flattened cartons placed horizontally in the cart tend to 'cork' the cart; they block all the contents from falling into the collection truck compactor.



**GOOD NEIGHBORS:** Lake Park homes and walks are designed to make it easy to look out for one another. A gust of wind or a thoughtless drop makes litter especially likely on pickup day. Walkers with a grocery bag in their pocket burn a few extra calories picking up litter. So do those of us who walk our pets, or who spot any debris as we go to our cars. Thoughtful 2-second pickups are another way we care for our unique village between visits of our landscaping and waste collection crews. CAUTION: Never pick up anything

sharp or unwieldy without glove protection or help~ better to call 704-882-VOLP (8657).

**WHO DO I CALL:** Call 704-821-7578 if you have any questions regarding Action's waste collection services. Call (704) 296-4210, for answers about the Monroe Public Works satellite recycling sites or the county landfill site. Questions regarding village landscaping or your tax bill should be directed to the Village of Lake Park at 704-882-VOLP (8657).

**WHO DO I PAY:** Waste Collection Service is currently included in property taxes to the Village of Lake Park and under contract to AGS. Union County charges the public for drop off of some types of recyclables or landfill items; some are free (call first).

Waste collection is only one of many village services provided. Union County issues two separate property tax invoices to you: one for Union County and the other for the Village of Lake Park. The County prepares the invoices in September and residents receive the invoices within 2-6 weeks. Pay each invoice separately. Your Village property tax bill is paid directly to Village of Lake Park and may be mailed or delivered to the Community Center at 3801 Lake Park Road no later than January 5.